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SUBJECT : CANADIAN- FRENCH- STATE OF HAWAII TELESCOPE PROJECT

DEPT PASS SUBSTANCE TO MR. WOOD, HAWAII

1. SCICON AND ADDISON RICHMOND SCI MET WITH M. PIERRE CREYSSEL (DIRECTOR FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCES CNRS) AND ASSOCIATES TO DISCUSS CURRENT STATUS CANADIAN- FRENCH- STATE OF HAWAII TELESCOPE PROJECT . FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF DISCUSSION.

2. CNRS IS TELEGRAPHING INVITATION TO MR. WOOD (DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR STATE OF HAWAII), TO COME TO FRANCE FOR UP TO FIVE DAYS OF DISCUSSION JUST PRIOR TO NEXT FORMAL MEETING OF THE THREE PARTIES SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN PARIS ON 18 JULY 1973. PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT WILL BE TO JOIN IN THOROUGH STUDY OF REMAINING STATE OF HAWAII LEGAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING DUTIES, TAXES, ETC.

3. ON MATTER OF LEGAL PROBLEMS IN GENERAL, CREYSSEL AND RICHMOND AGREED THAT THE PROPOSED CANADIAN- FRENCH- STATE OF HAWAII CORPORATION SHOULD APPOINT A LEGAL COUNSEL FAMILIAR WITH US TAX AND IMPORT LAW.

4. TO MINIMIZE UNCERTAINTIES RE IMPORT DUTIES AND PROBLEMS, CREYSSEL IS DIRECTING ASTRONOMERS TO COMPILE LIST OF ALL ARTICLES AND INSTRUMENTS TO BE ACQUIRED AND SHIPPED TO THE
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TELESCOPE FACILITY. HE STATED A WILLINGNESS TO MAKE SOME OF THESE INSTRUMENTS FORMAL GIFTS FROM GOVERNMENT TO THE CORPORATIONS IF THAT WERE TO SIMPLIFY MATTERS.

5. DIPLOMATIC NOTE AND AGREEMENT INITIALED IN OTTAWA MEETING (MAY 22) HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED MINISTER OF FINANCE. AS SOON AS APPROVED, COPY WILL BE IMMEDIATELY PASSED TO SCICON FOR TRANSMITTAL TO DEPARTMENT.

6. CNRS CONSIDERS IT VERY IMPORTANT TO HAVE EXCHANGE OF NOTES COMPLETED BEFORE JULY 18 MEETING, SINCE FRENCH BUDGET WILL BE UNDER CONSIDERATION AT THAT TIME.

7. RICHMOND AND SCIATT INVITED TO VISIT MAJOR ENERGY- RELATED FACILITIES WEEK OF JULY 2, AS GUESTS OF CNRS. IRWIN

NOTE BY OC/ T: NOT PASSED MR. WOOD, HAWAII.

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